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CULTIVATION OF LAND IN BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers are facing difficulties in cultivating land in the border areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir. In border areas of the country, farmers at times do face difficulties in cultivating land across the fencing.

(b): The reasons and action taken are detailed below:-
Some inconvenience to farmers have been reported due to fencing that has been created at the International Border of the country to prevent illegal trans-border movement and criminal activities. The border guarding forces have been deployed on the International Border along the fencing. Farmers' entry to the agriculture fields across the fencing is regulated through the entry and exist gates only and access control measures are taken.
To mitigate the difficulties faced by the farmers, the following measures have been taken by the border guarding forces:

(a) Timings for opening and closing of gates have been fixed in consultation with the local people and Village Panchayat. Gates are opened on all seven days of the week.

(b) Security is provided to the farmers who are ahead of fencing by deploying extra troops.